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EXAMINER

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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Kim M. Lewis

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-35 and 40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 21, 25, 26, 32 and 40 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 2/26/04 has been received and made of record in the application file wrapper. As requested, the abstract and claims 21-35 have been amended, claims 40 has been added, and claims 1-20 and 36-39 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 21 and 25 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 21, lines 9 and 11, "said removal line" should read --at least one removal line-- or --the removal line--;

Claim 21, line 10, "said supply line" should read --at least one supply line or --the supply line--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 25, line 1, "said supply line" should read --at least one supply line or --the supply line--.

Claim 25, line 2, "said removal line" should read --at least one removal line or --the removal line--.

Claim 26 "said supply line" should read --at least one supply line or --the supply line--.

Claim 26, line 2, "said removal line" should read --at least one removal line or --the removal line--.

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The phrase "said supply line" and/or "said removal line" are also noted in claims 32 and 40. Applicant should amend the claims accordingly.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 21, 25, 26, 32 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection, set forth in this Office action. Also, since claims 22-24, 27-31 and 33-35 depend from objected claim 21, they too will be allowable when claim 21 is rewritten.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim M. Lewis whose telephone number is 703.308.1191. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Thursdays from 5:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry A. Bennett can be reached on 703.308.0101. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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